

IN HONOUR: Dr David Clews' children Rebecca and Christopher unveil the bio on him at Waikato Clinical School.

Surgeon honoured with unveiling

Waikato Hospital paediatric orthopaedic surgeon David Clews, who died in early 2007, was honoured at an unveiling function at Waikato Clinical School last week.

After Dr Clews passed away aged 48, a trust fund was set up in his name. Fundraising efforts means the fund now has more than \$50,000. Each year the top student at the clinical school re-

ceives a cash prize from the fund.
This year the award went to
Michael Lee.

Dr Clews' children Rebecca and Christopher, wife Eleni Nikolau and a number of colleagues were on hand to unveil a framed biography which now hangs on the clinical school wall.

Dr Clews was part of a team of 55 professionals that successfully

separated conjoined twins at Waikato Hospital in October 2004. His challenge was to separate the spines.

He was a highly respected clinician whose loss was felt keenly by Health Waikato.

Dr Clews was dedicated to teaching and developing junior medical staff, nursing staff and allied health professionals.

Opportunistic immunisations going strong



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presented.

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supporting it.

Prior to the Opportunistic

Immunisation Service being

introduced at Waikato Hospital,

However, since the inception

of the opportunistic service,

227 children were immunised

at Waikato Hospital between

August and November - so you

can appreciate the improvement.

None of these children were

coming to hospitals to be im-

With the huge support of all

Emergency Department staff,

we have had this system up and

running for the past few months.

I'm really pleased with how

receptive all staff have been in

well this is going and how

staff were vaccinating around 7-10 children a month as they

Kim Hunter
Immunisation
Coordinator

It's truly amazing that we can provide such an incredible service.

Many of the children accessing this service are the most at risk children, of which a high number have slipped through the cracks in other areas of health provision.

Another aspect of the Opportunistic Immunisation Service, the mobile service, eliminates barriers to accessing immunisations, such as transport, by offering them to children under the age of six in their own homes, or in the service's purpose-built van - which goes anywhere and everywhere throughout the Waikato region.

The Mobile Immunisation Service will also continue operating over the Christmas and holiday period to ensure children who live remotely can also access their vaccinations over this time.

So as you can see, it's been a busy time for opportunistic immunisations in the Waikato, and I'm sure that will continue in 2010

I very much look forward to keeping you informed as to our future success then.



BEHIND THE BOOK: John Armstrong (left) and Peter Rothwell at the launch of Under One Roof.

History book launched

Under One Roof is the recently published book about the history of Waikato Hospital written by John Armstrong. The book will be of interest to anyone who has worked at Waikato Hospital or who has an interest in the history of health or of the Waikato region.

Commissioned by the Waikato Health Memorabilia Trust in 2007, Under One Roof provides a comprehensive history of Waikato Hospital from its inception in 1887 until the year 2000. The book draws upon archival sources and interviews with long-serving staff members to map the institution's development within a range of historical contexts. In particu-

lar, it emphases the institution's rapid growth during the second half of the twentieth century, and the ramifications of that growth in financial, material, and personal terms

The book can still be bought by sending a cheque for \$40 to the Waikato Health Memorabilia Trust, P. O. Box 6009, Glenview, Hamilton 3246.

Or you can order it through the Waikato Hospital library, or through internet deposit (Bank of New Zealand, Waikato Health Memorabilia Trust, acc no. 02 0454 0015725 000, include your surname in the reference line) to pick up at the hospital library.



VIRUS CONTROL: Waikato DHB project manager and IT guru Deakin Wilson talks Waikato Hospital managers and emergency management team through the Conficker virus situation.

Conficker recovery

All areas of Waikato District Health Board are now back online after the board's 3000 PCs and laptops became paralysed by the virulent Conficker worm.

Waikato Hospital wards and the Emergency Department are live as are emergency departments in Thames, Te Kuiti, Taumarunui and Tokoroa hospitals.

DHB chief information officer Alan Grainer said his staff got onto the problem "really quickly" when they identified it during a routine system upgrade at 2am last Thursday.

It appears the DHB got the Conficker A and D variant despite having a system that was security patched and up to date. There are five known variants to Conficker.

"We worked solidly and intelligently, tapped into people's experience and expertise, formulated a plan and by the end of Monday all 3000 computers were up and running," he said.

"We've done this faster than any organisation has turned around a threat of this nature." Patient safety was not compro-

mised, said Health Waikato chief operating officer Jan Adams. "Clinics ran as normal, includThe most disruption came with laboratory testing which was at 10 per cent capacity until today. Private providers helped the DHB while 'runners' - mostly administrative staff unable to work on PCs - took test results to the ward which would normally get emailed.

ing elective surgeries, and acute

operating theatres also kept

"What we have to remember is computers don't diagnose and treat patients, they help but doctors and nurses do that and that's what they've continued to do," she said

When staff returned to work on Monday, they needed to change their passwords to more robust ones.

USB memory sticks and external hard drives cannot be used on computers until technical staff are satisfied they've rid the system of the Conficker virus.

As part of the emergency management structure put in place, the DHB will carry out a thorough root cause analysis to look at what went wrong and how it could be prevented in the future, said Mrs Adams.

Website boasts six great reasons to work at Taumarunui Hospital

Two nursing vacancies were the impetus for developing a brand new website page promoting the advantages of living and working in Taumarunui.

When Taumarunui Hospital were struggling to recruit to some nursing vacancies, Waikato District Health Board's Media and Communications team swung into action to crank up the positive promotion of Taumarunui as a place to live and work.

The vacancies are well on the way to being filled, but everyone agreed the project was still worth doing for the future.

"Encouraging people to apply to rural-based vacancies isn't easy," said Waikato DHB communications consultant Bee Pears.

welcomed 4000 babies

did 7.6 million blood tests

• performed more than 22,000 operations

"If we can be more proactive and better coordinated, we have more chance of getting people to apply and less delay in filling

Ms Pears is working closely with representatives from Rural and Community Services and Human Resources Recruitment on the project, as well as webmaster Marianne Toms, and the team at Taumarunui Hospital.

"Ruapehu District Council is very supportive, and links are being made with non-DHB health providers as well," she said.

"The Taumarunui package will be a model for other rural teams, if they want it. The focus is on recruitment marketing support for specific vacancies, so it will

treated nearly 90,000 people in our five hospitals and two continuing care

saw 180,000 outpatients at clinics and 80,000 people in our emergency

• district and rural nurses visited more than 310,000 people

• our mental health team made more than 103,000 community visits

• served over 686,000 meals to patients and 36,000 through meals on wheels

10 medical and public health staff went to Samoa to help treat people after

• we survived the Conficker Virus which attacked our 3000 personal computers

In 2009, Waikato DHB's 5800 employees

complement work already being done in local communities to attract people to the heath sector and rural towns."

The new webpage features photos and interviews of acting Taumarunui Hospital manager Don Hall, nurses Annabel Downey and Bronwyn Waho, and clinical nurse manager Daphne Fergusson, who highlight the benefits and enjoyment of working in one of the rural hospitals. The page links to other community, council and tourism websites, and to more information about Taumarunui on the DHB website. This can be quickly adapted to whatever type of vacancy arises in future.

www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/Taumarunui

PATIENT COMFORT AND SAFETY: (From left) Howard Wright representative Peter Hawkins, Alison Hampton and Gary Simmons. New beds rolled out

The first of the 719 new beds for Waikato DHB hospitals arrived earlier this month.

Te Kuiti, Taumarunui and Waikato were the first to receive the beds, part of a \$3.3 million programme to replace 719 beds and 400 mattresses after a 2007 audit found half of the DHB's hospital beds were in such bad shape they should be condemned.

With the new beds comes a

change in practice.

The beds are set up so

The beds are set up so they are steered from the foot of the bed rather than the head of the bed. Nursing and midwifery director Sue Hayward said the new beds had many advantages over the old ones such as improving patient comfort and the ability

to position the patient and set at different heights. "Pushing from the foot end will

enable the attendant to see the patient and more importantly should the patient require a nurse escort, then the nurse can walk beside the bed observing the patient at all times." Pushing from the head end makes it very difficult for patients to be observed during transit by anyone other than members of the public, she said. The roll out of beds will take several months with 44 beds a fortnight rolled out until later next year. Tokoroa and Matariki get their beds from January followed by Rhoda Read and Thames and then more will ar-

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